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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR JOINT COMMISSION TECHNICIANS

REFS: A. JIDDA 4106; B. STATE 129759

1. RE REFTEL A, WE ARE INFORMED BY SAG EMBASSY (AL-ATEIBY) THAT THEY CANNOT ISSUE VISAS VALID FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS WITHOUT RECOURSE TO JIDDA. FOR LONGER TERM VISAS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WOULD HAVE TO BE USED:
A) SPONSORING AGENCY (E.G. MINFIN) WOULD NOTIFY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT A PERSON HAS A CONTRACT FOR A STATED PERIOD OF TIME (E.G. TWO YEARS). B) MOFA WOULD THEN APPROVE THE REQUEST AND NOTIFY THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ISSUE A VISA FOR THAT SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME.
2. PLEASE DETERMINE FROM MOFA: A) WHETHER OR NOT PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN PARA ONE ABOVE, IS IN FACT ACCURATE, OR B) IF WASHINGTON EMBASSY CAN AUTHORIZE VISAS FOR JOINT UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMISSION PERSONNEL FOR VISITS OF LONGER THAN THREE MONTHS WITHOUT CASE BY CASE AUTHORIZATION FROM MOFA AS OUTLINED IN PARA ONE ABOVE.

3. IF PROCEDURE IN PARA ONE ABOVE IS IN EFFECT,
PLEASE TRY TO ENCOURAGE MOFA TO ADJUST THEIR REGULATIONS
TO ALLOW THE WASHINGTON EMBASSY TO ISSUE VISAS TO
JOINT COMMISSION PERSONNEL FOR DURATION OF THEIR STAY
IN SAUDI ARABIA WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE
JOINT COMMISSION.

4. RE STATISTICS PROJECT, CATLIN WILL NOT PROCEED
UNTIL FORMAL PROCEDURES COMPLETED AND SAG APPROVAL
RECEIVED. CENSUS HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH MIN
FINANCE OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED WITH PROJECT,
AND SAUDIS ARE WELL VERSED IN PROGRAM DETAILS. CENSUS
DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DELAY IN SAUDI APPROVAL OF THE
PROJECT PROPOSAL. KISSINGER

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